

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 44, 45, 47, 48 and 58 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40-43, 46, 49-57 and 59-73 as shown in Attachment "A". A clean copy of the amended claims is herewith provided as Attachment "B".

REMARKS

Claims 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40-43, 46, 49-57 and 59-73 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; claims 30, 35-39, 41-48, 54, 65 and 67-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by an International Application Publication by Tormala et al. (ref. No. WO 99/51163); claims 30-39, 43, 44, 64 and 67-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by a U.S. patent to Eldridge et al. (ref. No. 6,120,539); claims 55-63, 66 and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over the Tormala et al. published application; claims 41, 42, 55-63, 66 and 67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over the Eldridge et al. patent; claim 40 was rejected under 35 U.S.C.